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CENSUS OF LIVESTOCK PLANNED

In compliance with a decree of the Council of Ministers, a general census of livestock, poultry, beehives, etc., owned by state and cooperative farms, enterprises, offices, individual farmers, organizations, etc., will be taken at all inhabited localities in Bulgaria between 25 and 31 December 1951. The census will be made by the okrug, okoliya, municipal, and village people's soviets under the direction and supervision of the General Directorate of Statistics.

In order that the census may be taken properly, census committees are being set up at all the local, okoliya, and okrug people's soviets. These committees include the chairmen of people's soviets, the chiefs of the sections on agriculture and livestock breeding, agronomists, veterinarians, stock-breeding specialists, and zootechnicians.

The committees are to assist the local people's soviets in selecting census takers, instruct the latter, and in general take all necessary measures to prevent mistakes by the soviets and the census takers. The census will be taken at individual households, state and public enterprises, farms, and offices. The livestock will be counted wherever they are found (that is, where they pass the night), regardless of where their owners live or whether they have farms or not.

Census takers will be appointed by the people's soviets. They will visit households, enterprises, offices, and farms, under the direction of the controllers and the census committees.

The local party organizations, Fatherland Front organizations, and other mass organizations can and must lend assistance in taking the census. Without their assistance the success of the work cannot be guaranteed.

The local soviets and census committees must be given full assistance. District meetings and the local press must be used to publicize the fact that the census will help the proper planning of stock breeding throughout the country and will contribute greatly to the general efforts to develop agriculture and thus to improve the life of the working peasants. The population must help the census takers in their work. The census must be considered a national

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endeavor. Its results will help the government in taking concrete measures to improve the country's stock-breeding industry and transform it into a highly profitable branch of agriculture. It is the duty of every worker, every member of a farm workers' cooperative, every farmer, and every livestock owner to take a positive attitude toward this very important measure. The success of the census will depend on proper distribution of census districts and control areas, selection of census takers and controllers, their training, and the laying of groundwork among the population.

The local people's soviets must include in the census districts all households within the limits of the inhabited localities and in the fields. They must prepare the population by pointing out the benefits to be derived from the census and must select as census takers and controllers intelligent, experienced, and honest persons who will master and strictly apply all the regulations connected with the census taking. The soviets must take all measures against any kind of concealment of livestock, as well as against the spreading of evil rumors intended to wreck the campaign.

To determine the percentage of livestock and poultry concealed and overlooked during this general census, the people's soviets, again working under the direction and supervision of the General Directorate of Statistics, will, between 5 and 10 January 1952, conduct a control census of the livestock and poultry on all public farms and on 10 percent of the private farms.

Every livestock owner is required to show all his livestock to the census takers who visit him between 25 and 31 December 1951 so that he will not be held responsible for concealing or accidentally overlooking animals at the time of the census taking.

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